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Department's 1953 to Bonn, paragraph 5

Department considering proposing to British and French Ambassadors following addition to Berlin contingency planning memorandum:

BEGIN TEXT: In consultation with appropriate military headquarters, Three Embassies at Bonn should review or complete planning to deal with following contingencies re air access to Berlin:

- (a) Withdrawal of Soviets from Berlin Air Safety Center;
- (b) Soviet or East German threats against safety of flight in Berlin corridors and control zone; and
- (c) Direct Soviet or East German interference with flights in corridors and control zone.

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Planning under (b) should include study of measures which might be taken to continue normal civil air services as long as possible. On purely hypothetical basis, Three Embassies should also review and complete planning for:

(d) QUOTE Garrison airlift UNQUOTE to transport Allied personnel and materiel as necessary in event of interruption of Allied surface traffic; and

(e) Substitution of military for civil aircraft under circumstances in which flight safety considerations would make it impossible continue normal civil flights.

END TEXT.

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